Rural People and Communities at 2050

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Intergenerational change in farming

How (and whether) the next generation takes over farm businesses will shape the future of land ownership and management

Changes in Food Production will Drive Rural Development

• But – there is nothing automatic about this
  – Requires solid economic fundamentals
  – Competitive social advantage
  – Residential and locational choice
  – Social and cultural capital

• Population redistribution and regional development
Jobs Lost Since December 2007

- Greatest Job Loss (~12%)
- Substantial Job Loss (8% to ~12%)
- Above Average Loss (~5% to 8%)
- Losing at National Average (~4% to 6%)
- Losing, But Better than U.S. Average (0% to ~4%)
- Gaining Jobs (0% to 5%)
- Substantial Job Gains (~6%)

*Urban areas in white*